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## COMMUNITY NEWS

Anni and Josef Albers returned to Black Mountain College for two weeks in early November. While here they reviewed the work of students in art and textile design, outlining particularly the work to be done by those who hope to graduate in the spring or summer. The Albers will resume their teaching in February. Meanwhile they will be in New York City, where Mr. Albers will be planning for an exhibition. During their sabbatical leave, the Albers first travelled to the west coast by car and then to New Mexico and Mexico. Mr. Albers was busy with his painting; Mrs. Albers with writing. Also on leave from the college were three collections of Mr. Albers' paintings and prints, on exhibit in numerous galleries and colleges, among them the Museum of Denver, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Pasadena Art Institute, Art Institute of Chicago, and the California Palace of the Legion of Honor.

### Harriet Engelhardt Textile Collection

Mrs. Albers has collected material for the Harriet Engelhardt Memorial Textile Collection. Up to date this consists of seventy-seven pieces, mostly of Mexican origin, but including also weavings from Sardinia, Italy; Bolivia; and Peru. Some are antiques: specimens from Peru, a serape from Saltillo and one from Queretaro, Mexico. Main choice is of woven textiles, though embroideries and braided pieces are included in the collection. The textiles have not yet arrived at the college, as they have still to go through the customs.

### Pianos

Two new pianos have been added to the joy of music students and all others who have been aware of the need in this department. A good used Steinway was purchased with \$1350 raised in a whirlwind campaign of three weeks' duration with gifts coming from those here and friends outside the college. This is used in Charlotte Schlesinger's study for teaching. A used Chickering was purchased with the remainder of the fund. It is to be in the dining hall for practice and for dance music, furnished by Tite, Perrow, Lane, and certain nameless guitarists.

### Architecture

A group of students interested in architecture have designed a small house which they will build for less than \$1000, the gift for this amount having